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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

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FOLLOWING ARE POST REPLIES TO REQUESTS FOR YOUTH INFO PER REFTEL.

I. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. PERCENTAGE WEIGHT: 70 PERCENT YOUNG BUREAUCRATS, 15 PERCENT YOUNG EDUCATORS, 15 PERCENT SELECTED UNIVERSITIES (BOKASSA UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION).

B. RATIONALE: YOUNG BUREAUCRATS ARE LIKELY TO BE MOST INFLUENTIAL GROUP BY FAR, SINCE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY IS ALL- PERVASIVE IN CAR. THIS GROUP IS ALSO ONE TO WHICH POST PERSONNEL ARE LIKELY TO HAVE BEST ACCESS. EDUCATIONS IS ONLY OTHER FIELD IN WHICH YOUNG CENTRAL AFRICANS HAVE ANY INFLUENCE.

C. SHORT- TERM YOUTH IMPACT: YES, IN OPERATIONAL TERMS OF GETTING THINGS DONE IN MINISTRIES FOR BENEFIT OF U. S. INTERESTS. HOWEVER, THIS IS LIMITED TO MIDDLE- LEVEL GOVERNMENT AT BEST.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. PERCENTAGE WEIGHT: 20 PERCENT DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS, 50 PERCENT CREATE AND MAINTAIN
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FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S., 20 PERCENT FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUC-
CIVE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, 10 PERCENT COUNTER ACTIV-
ITIES OF FORCES HOSTILE TO U. S. INTERESTS.

B. RATIONALE: MAINTAINING FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S. INTER-
ESTS ON PART OF YOUNG BUREAUCRATS IS LIKELY TO HAVE MOST PRACTICAL
AND BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON US- CAR RELATIONS IN FORSEEABLE FUTURE.
FOSTERING CLIMATE FOR DEVELOPMENT ALSO IMPORTANT, SINCE THIS IS
MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF THIS EXTERMELY POOR COUNTRY AND IT IS
VSVWMS.
INTEREST TO SEE IT PROGRESS ALONG MOST RATIONAL LINES POSSI-
BLE.

III. RESOURCES

A. PERCENTAGE WEIGHT: 20 PERCENT CU IV TRAVEL GRANTS, 20 PERCENT
CU FULL YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS, 20 PERCENT AID
TRAINING PROGRAM, 40 PERCENT USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL
PROGRAMMING. USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO PRO-
MOTE YOUTH OBJECTIVES COULD BE MADE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE HERE BY
REESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER POSITION IN THE MISSION
AND ASSIGNING A PAO HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PEACE CORPS MAKES
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH PROGRAM BY PROVIDING BY FAR THE
GREATEST PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN AMERICANS AND CAR YOUTH.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH

A. WEIGHT: MEDIUM

B. RATIONALE: MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR BY FAR DETERMINING US- CAR
RELATIONS IS PERSONAL ATTITUDE OF TOP LEADERS, WHO RARELY TAKE
ATTITUDES OF YOUTH INTO CONSIDERATION. YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE KEPT
UNDER VERY STRICT GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL. NEVERTHELESS, YOUTH
ATTIT-
UDES CAN BE FAIRLY IMPORTANT IN CERTAIN DAY- TO- DAY ACTIVITIES AND
A MEDIUM AMOUNT OF CONCERN AND ATTENTION IS WARRANTED.

C. A. A. PERSONNEL TIME 10 PERCENT, ONE MAN- MONTH

B. FUNCTIONS: 70 PERCENT CONTACT, 30 PERCENT PROGRAM WORK

C. RESPONSIBILITY: STATE 25 PERCENT; USIA 35 PERCENT; PEACE
CORPS 40 PERCENT

W. PROGRAM RESOURCES: 60 PERCENT OF CU BUDGET, 40 PERCENT OF
USIA BUDGET, 10 PERCENT OF AID BUDGET.

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